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SUBJ: SUMMARY OF THIRD WEEK OF TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR

1. DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24, MEETINGS WERE HELD ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. AMBASSADOR STOESSEL AND MINISTER MOROKHOV PREVIOUSLY AGREED THAT DURING THEIR ABSENCE, MEETINGS THIS WEEK WOULD BE INFORMAL WITH STATEMENTS NOT TO BE BINDING ON RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES. THE US SIDE USED THESE MEETINGS TO ANSWER SOVIET QUESTIONS CONCERNING US POSITION ON VERIFICATION OF PNES AND TO HIGHLIGHT CONCEPTUAL DIFFERENCES WHICH US DELEGATION PERCEIVED BETWEEN US AND SOVIET APPROACH TO SUBJECT. ON THURSDAY, MYASNIKOV PRESENTED SHORT PAPER ARGUING ECONOMIC NEEDS FOR CONTAINED PNES UP TO 500 KT, AND EXCAVATION SALVOS UP TO 10 MT.

2. BY WEEK'S END, US DELEGATION FELT THAT SOVIETS UNDERSTOOD US POSITION. INFORMAL COMMENTS FROM SOVIETS CONFIRM THIS AND INDICATE THAT SOVIET RESPONSE IS BEING PREPARED. APPARENTLY PORTIONS OF THIS RESPONSE WILL BE PRESENTED NEXT WEEK. DURING SESSION ON THURSDAY, TIMERBAEV STATED PRIVATELY TO BUCHHEIM THAT MINISTER MOROKHOV WOULD RETURN FROM VIENNA ON SUNDAY RATHER THAN FRIDAY, THEREFORE SOVIET DELEGATION PREFERRED TO DELAY NEXT PLENARY UNTIL TUESDAY MARCH 4 AT 11:00 A.M.

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3. DETAILS OF NEGOTIATIONS DURING WEEK ARE CONTAINED IN
PNE MESSAGES 19 THROUGH 23.
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